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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
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SUBJECT: **CENTER FOR MEDICAID SERVICES' SITE REVIEW—LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

This is to inform you that the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) will be conducting a review to ensure that the California State Department of Health Services is in compliance with current CMS regulations concerning Certified Public Expenditures for drawing down federal participation for mental health services. As a part of this review, five California counties were chosen for site visits—Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange, Sacramento and San Francisco Counties. The visit to Los Angeles is scheduled to be held the week of September 15, 2008.

The Department of Mental Health, the Chief Executive Office and County Counsel have been meeting and gathering data to prepare for the visit in consultation with the State and the other counties involved. The information we have provided to CMS thus far has been primarily an explanation of the complexity of the service delivery system in California and our cost reporting system.

We will keep you informed about further developments as they occur. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 738-4601 or Robin Kay, Acting Chief Deputy Director, at (213) 738-4108.

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